

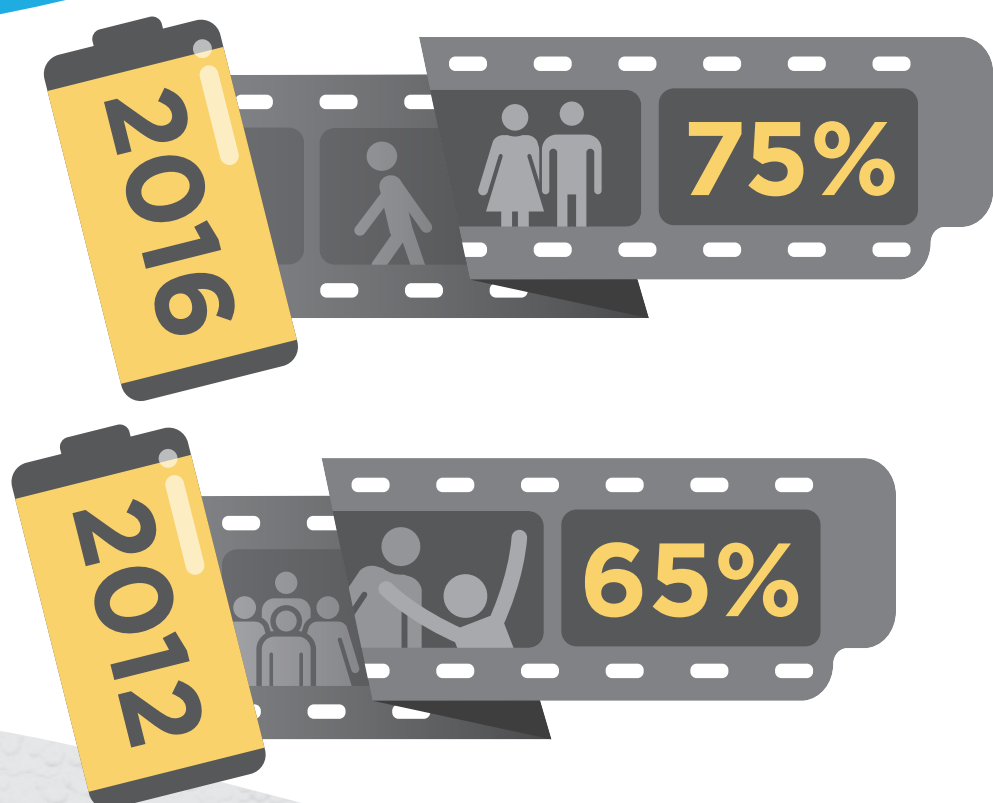
# COPD IN AMERICA: The Latest Snapshot

America is becoming increasingly aware of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), the third leading cause of death in the U.S. It is a serious lung condition that over time makes breathing difficult and limits the ability to do many everyday activities.

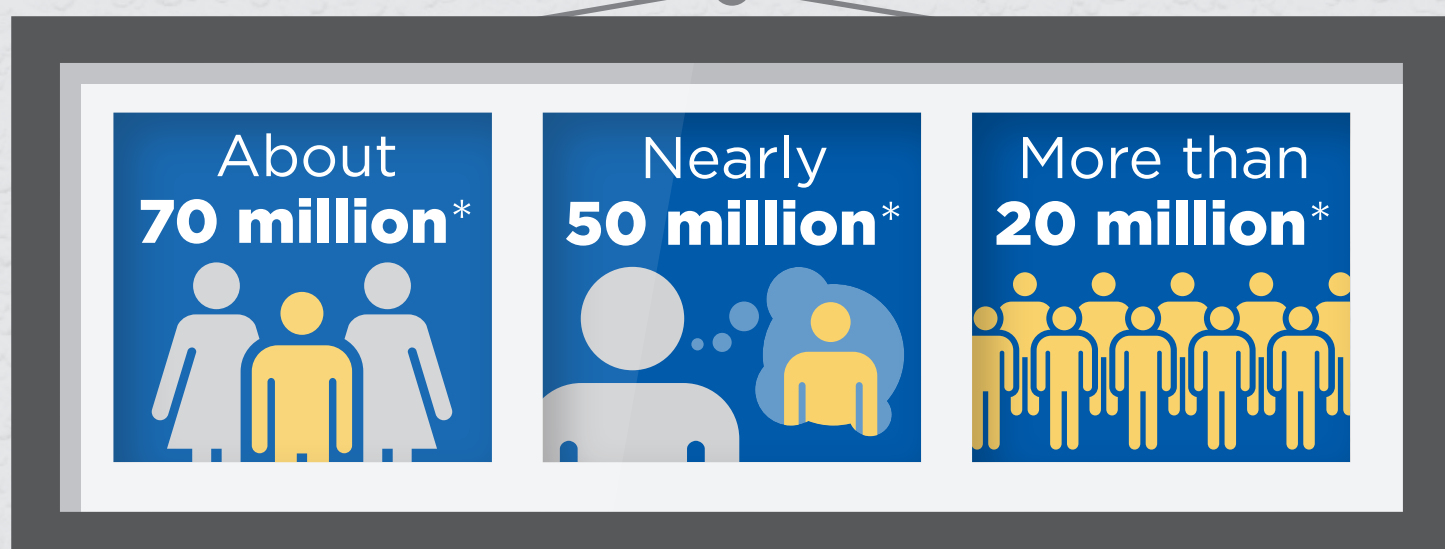
## The word is out about COPD.

Three-quarters of American adults 18+ are aware of COPD, an increase of **10%**, or about **20 million\***, since 2012.

Awareness is especially high among people in the South and Midwest, Baby Boomers, women and former smokers.



## COPD: Up Close and Personal



Have a personal connection to COPD.

Know someone who is diagnosed with the disease.

Know someone who died from COPD.

**COPD:**  
When symptoms show up, make sure to speak up.

**1 in 10 (20 million) Americans has COPD symptoms**, such as chronic coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath.

**5 Million\***

1 in 4 adults with COPD symptoms haven't spoken to a health care provider.

**The sooner COPD is diagnosed, the better you'll breathe.**

Source: *COPD: Tracking Perceptions of Individuals Affected, Their Caregivers, and the Physicians Who Diagnose and Treat Them*, NHLBI, published online June 2017 [COPD.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://COPD.nhlbi.nih.gov).

\*Estimates based on 2015 U.S. Census data.

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